Though the rain's dropping through from the roof to the floor, And the wind whistles free where there once was a

Soon, soon, will these dark, dreary days be gone hearts be lit up with a beam from the

ather, shine or storm, we will bear it together

A PRACTICAL JOKE.

BY MARGARET HARVEY.

"Harry." Lillie spoke as though she had something on her mind, and the young gentleman addressed looked at her inquiringly, but she did not seem to

"Harry," she said, again, just as sud-dealy, and then once more relapsed into

a brown study.

In a few minutes the bright wool she was winding fell into a hopeless tangle, and Harry was obliged to take it off his outstretched hands and help her

"You'll laugh," she answered, in a hesitating manner, "I know you will; but, indeed, if you were in my place, you wouldn't see much laughing matter."

He did laugh—more at the deprecating, weebegone countenance than because he supposed whatever she had to saw worthy at regret. And the instant hancen in three or four years. Four

"Well, whatever the trouble is, I'll won't dare to come near me, because he will think I'm engaged! Oh! Harry, help you out, I promise you, Lillie, He called his cousin "Lillie, dear," all his life, just as you would say, "Pretty Poll," or "Pussy cat." and say that, if they won't let us have the wedding as soon as possible, we'll elope; and, indeed, Lillie, seriously, it

young company, these two cousins had mainly depended on each other. They usually spent their Saturday afternoons together, and had done so from the time when they were school children, and this was their only holiday. Now Harry was twenty-four and Lillie twenty. Lillie had had suitors, of course, but no en-

couragement did she ever give to any.

"I'm never going to marry," she would say, "Harry does as well as a beau; and what would he do if I married? I guess I'll never fall in love, for I have you in secresy for awhile, and I'll keep out of the way; and then they'll be so anxious to find you they'll consent."

"Oh, Harry, what a wretched mess! as well as Harry. And I'm sure he'll be an old bachelor for my cake, for he don't think there's any girl as good I'd confess.

"Harry," she finally began, "I think it's too bad to be a girl. You can have your money to spend, and can buy and do just as you please. But pa and ma would never let me earn anything-in them many a time to let me do some-thing, but they say, 'Oh, I guess we can afford to take care of our only girl,' and it all comes to nothing. And then, that is not the worst. They won't let me earn any money, and they won't give me any either. I'm twenty years old, and I'm no better off than a child of ten. If I wan't a new dress, ma says: 'Eliz. If I wan't a new dress, ma says: 'Elizabeth, I can't see that thee's destitute.' aneth, I can't see that thee s desircute.

If I want any petty things that the other girls have, she says: 'Elizabeth, couldn't thee conquer such foolish vanities if thee tried?' If I want any books, she says: 'Thee will find Bar-clay's "Apology" and William Penn's "No Cross, no Crown" in the bookcase, as well as the Bible, and the more worldly books of "Pamela" and "Robinson Crusoe." Thee can not weary of these books if thy mind is content.' Now, much as I respect the Friends, Harry, I don't see any sense in being as straitlaced as ma is. I'm sure I'm not a beauty Friend myself. hearty Friend myself. They say that gay Quaker ladies dress in the best of taste, and I believe they do—I know I could. But in such a half-cut rig as claiming: this is, I'm neither one thing nor the Look at me, Harry!"

And she stood up. She wore a p'ain black cashmere, made with an ungored skirt and a plain basque. Plain, straight unrelieved by ribbon or bit of jewelry while her hair fell in its own natural short, black curls around her face and neck. Her only ornaments were a rose at her throat and another in her hair. "Yes," said Harry, "you are dressed very plainly, but I never noticed it

"I know you didn't, and that's why I have always felt so at ease in your company. But if you were a girl, would you like to go out often in such a cos-

"Oh, Harry! But if I look well in such a plain dress, wouldn't I look better if I had better? I have refused that I would look like a fright among properly-dressed people. Last week I went to see Belle May. She is having her wedding outfit made. Such a perfect one! Every thing she could desire, and not an extravagant article in the whole lot. Her dresses looked as though they were meant to wear, and would wear-serviceable, rich and elegantsaid she never could have any thing her

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FFBRUARY 10.—Senete—Mr. Clough House bill to authorize certain cities of the second class to contract with Water-works In order to imitate a coin successfully—that is, so that it will deceive, not the general public, because probably most persons never take a second look at the coin they receive, provided its appearance seems right, but the clerk or cashier moderately well accustomed to handling money—the counterfeiter must regard execution, size and weight. The last is most important in gold coin, because the least current weight of the latter is established, whereas, in silver a coin of light weight, so long as the reduction is not manifestly too great, will pass. The standard and least current weights of gold coin are as follows:

200 pc.—Standard, 518 grs.; least current wt., 518.42, 522, pc.—Standard, 258 grs.; least current wt., 258.71, 55 pc.—Standar

bound in the control of the passage of a few bills.

No one noticed that Harry said little, and stalked around with a moody air, while Lillie seemed perfectly happy, and yet never said a word about her fiances.

Yet, as the day drew near, she began to try often the case, through sundry nefarious processes, which, though not grow uneasy. She could say nothing until the outfit was finished, for she did not wish to lose any thing, neither did she wish to delay the disclosure too long. Besides, she waited for Harry, because she felt that all would depend on concerted action.

The cards were out. "This was necessary," said Harry, "to make it seem like a real thing."

It was only three days before the time appointed, when the last garment was finished. And when the dressmakers were gone, Lillie called Harry up to the strong of the withing the gold being abstracted from it and deposited on another surface. Of sitting-room, where her pretty things Fiamen Ball and one hundred other citizens of Hamilton County, praying that Federal officials be declared ineligible to hold office under the authority of the State of Ohio. Bills were passed: To authorize the Commissioners of Washington County to levy a special poor tax; to authorize the Auditor of Brown County to refund certain road taxes: relating to compounding felonies: taxes; relating to compounding felonies; the bill autoorizing County Auditors to sell the return books and statistics of Township

FEBRUARY 12.-Senate-A large number FEBRUARY 12.—Senate—A large number of temperance petitions were presented, as usual. Mr. Sabine's local option bill came up to a third reading, and was laid on the table. The House concurred in the Senate amendments to Mr. Bohl's bill, requiring an annual counting of the money in school treasuries. Little business of general interest was transacted..... House—A few local bills were passed. Mr. Steedman's Senate joint resolution petitioning man's Senate joint resolution petitioning Congress to increase full pensions to \$36 per month was adopted. The vo e by which the bill of Mr. Reed, of Ross, relating to Shariff, advertising was leaf was recognited. Sheriffs' advertising was lost was reconsidered, and the bill was referred to its author

FEBRUARY 13 .- Senate-Mr. Alexander's House bill, authorizing the Sinking Fund Commissioners to invest the surplus funds of the State in United States bonds came up for its third reading. Senators How-land, Forrest and Sherrick favored the Marsh, Owen, Seitz, Johnson, and Lord opposed on grounds of constitutionality in the legislation of doubtful good to the State. Mr. Steedman opposed because the bill would be regarded as an indorsement of Secretary Sherman. The bill was finally laid on the table. A bill fixing the State grains. It is composed of an alloy of gold and silver, and worth from two dollars and seventy cents to three dollars tions were presented from various parts of the State in favor of Quinby's Local Option and forty cents. Its appearance and tone are excellent, but it is thicker than Bill. A report was presented by the Com-mittee on Penitentiary, embracing the re-sults of a careful examination by Professor Norton and others of the State University the genuine coin, and hence may be

by rotion eggs, are traced to impurities in the illuminating gas manufactured in the State Prison. The use of specified agents is recommended to neutralize the offensive impurities. The report was accepted. which could safely be abstracted would not pay for the trouble of doing it. Consequently, all silver counterfeits are true imitations, and there is hardly a date of dollar, half dollar or quarter which has not been copied with remarkable accuracy. The counterfeiter either makes a mold in plaster from the real coin and that the bidder for the whole, if lower than the aggregate of the hild for the that the bidder for the whole, if lower than the aggregate of the bids for the several parts, shall be entitled to the con-tract; fixing the compensation of members of the General Assembly at \$1,000 per term, produced are more difficult to de-because, being more accurately fin-traveled. Mr. Eilis's House bill to prevent the killing of muskrats, minks, or otters, between the 15th of April and the 1st of March following, was amended so as to ex-

number introduced. FEBRUARY 15 .- Senate-Petitions from which constantly deceive bank-tellers and other experts, because they are of full weight. They are made of a compound similar to German silver, and are rate of freight, was reported back by the pound similar to German silver, and are so well plated with genuine silver that the acid does not affect them. They are, however, too thick, and the gauge, as usual, where the balance fails shows the fact. Counterfeits of the quarter dollar, of the Miami Canal on May 12, 1849. The -Among bills introduced was one to abolish the Board of Public Works in Cincinnati, and provide for the election in their stead of a Board of Control, of three mem-bers, with the addition of the Mayor and City Civil Engineer as members ex-officio

A gauzy lot of excuses were those of an aged descon at Mamakating, N. Y., who, becoming wearied of the nocturnal visits of his neighbor's dog to his sheep-fold, caught the animal, tied him to a which indeed it resembled as closely as it did a rhinoceros. Then the owner said: "Why did you tie the supposititious wild cat to a tree before shooting it?" and the deacon answered meekly: Because I was afraid of it." -- Troy vibrations, and make the sound dull and

> THE death of Richard H. Dana, the old and the new in this country. Mr. Dana, who had reached the advanced age of ninety-three years, did not long survive his friend and compeer, William Cullen Bryant. Better known as a polished and thoughtful essayist than as a poet, Mr. Dana nevertheless ranked among the earliest, as he was one of the wisest and purest, of our political writers, and his death closes the pages of an honored and useful life,—New York Commercial.

about thirty thousand letters each trip, in the least degree.

Ireland's Battle Scars,

It is true that Ireland bears upon its

face the ghastly scars of many ba tles, inflicted by the merciless hands of inflicted by the merciless hands of Englishmen, and that her past history is a record of the most grievous wrongs and oppression which were ever in-flicted upon a brave and independent people; yet her present condition is prosperous, and her future full of promise. Her seaports are filled with ships and towns are marks of trade and United States Army: When Frank Pierce was President ships, and towns are marts of trade and commerce. "Derry" is a notable ex-ample of the growing commercial im-portance of the island. The town is sitportance of the island. The town is sit-uated on the river Foyle, sixteen miles from the sea, and her wharves are vis-ited by the ships of more than a dozen prominent ocean sail and steamship lines. One mile below the city the river empties into Lough Foyle, an arm of the sea about fifteen miles in length, with a varying width of from five to ten miles. This lough and the river of the same name have beeen made navigable by dredging for ships of the heaviest burden, the channel being marked by buoys and lights. The cliffs of Donegal raise their majestic outlines on the south, and the more rugged peaks of the County Derry appear on the north. The County Derry appear on the north. The seacoast is a succession of bold promon-tories, basaltic formation, rugged, per-pendicular, and grim, which have for ages battled with the ceaseless waves of the ocean which forever break at their mules. feet. They are barren of verdure, and are bleak and uninhabited. Here and there the ruins of an ancient watch tower may be seen, from which the sentinels of the ancient kings used to

keep a lookout for the approach of dangerous foes.
Upon entering Lough Foyleat Moville, the scenery is much softened and changed. The landscape is dotted with manor houses, the dwellings of small farmers, and the huts of the peasantry the demesnes being covered with shrub bery and symmetrical trees with wonder-fully deep green foliage, with here and there a delicious bit of smooth, well kept lawn visible. The planes sloping from the base of the mountains to the water's edge are divided by hawthorn hedges, ditches, and stone walls into small parcels of ground of irregular shape, which are highly cultivated and productive and which at this season of productive, and which, at this season of the year, are covered with crops. The

whole landscape is one of peaceful beauty and repose.

Eternal Desolation. In the northwest corner of San Berna dino County, lying partly also in Inyo County, and partly also in the State of Nevada, is a region paralleled by few spats on the face of the earth. We say the world is instinct with life. Here, if the world is instinct with life. Here, if the phraseology may be pardoned, is a place instinct with death. A huge basin, whose rim is the ancient hills, stricken with the barrenness of eternal desolation, whose bosom the blasted throws the mule on his back, bringing the second gun into position. This is discharged, which suddenly throws the mule to his feet again, when waste of the desert—treeless, shrubless and waterless, save a few bitter pools like the lye of potash water; surrounded by mountains that tower thousands of feet above the sea-level, itself lying three hundred feet below the sea. It is a very "Gehenna"—a place of death and bones. Birds do not fly over it. Animals do not enter it. Vegetation can not exist in it. The broad sands absorb the heat, the bare mountains re-flect it, the unclouded sun daily adds to it. Ninety degrees in the shade (artificial shade, there is no other) means

winter. One hundred and thirty and one hundred and forty degrees, that is The hot air grows hotter, wavers trembles with heat, until nature, goaded to madness, can endure no more; and then the burning blast rouses itselfrouses in its might; rouses as an angry beast, with a hoarse, ominous roar sweeps mile after mile, on, ever on, over the broad reach of the desert, bearing on its black, whirling bosom—black as midnight—dust, sand, alkali, and death. Sometimes a murky cloud gathers upon the mountains above; then there is a rush-a warning sigh on the winds-a low rumbling in the air; the hills quiver, the earth trembles, and a tor-rent, half water, half mud, bounds from the hills, leaps into the desert, plowing chasms like river beds in the loose sand. The clouds scatter, the sun come again the eternal thirst of the desert is not

quenched. The raging river was only In the year 1849 a party of emigrants, entered the basin. Day after day they toiled on, thirsting, dying. The pitiles mountains walled them in: no escape. One by one they dropped and died. A few, abandoning everything, scaled the mountains and escaped. The others lie as they fell, dried to mummies—no birds even to devour their flesh; no beasts to prey upon them. Wagon-tires unrusted,

is doing a promising work in saving young men and boys from dissipation. It was formed three years ago, on the discovery that a quarter of the arrests in the city and of the commitments at the House of Correction were of minors, twenty years old and under. The league nosed about, and found that thirty thousand boys and girls patronized the city's drinking places, one thousand of which were largely sup-ported by their patronage. Public poinion sustained the suppression of this glaring evil, and the saloon-keepers who encouraged it were visited with the penalties of the law. One of these keepers had to pay one hundred dollars tree and shot him. The owner of the and costs for getting two boys of seven dog asked the deacon why he had killed the animal, and the good man replied that he had mistaken it for a wild cat, into drinking dens, and encouraged to cultivate a taste for liquor. A widowed mother, who visited the saloon where her boy was being ruined, and begged them not to give him liquor, was thrust out into the street, and her boy pushed back into the place. The league took up the widow's cause; succeeded in getting the brutish proprietor punished and the boy venerable poet and essayist, breaks an-other of the links that bind together the licenses of such offenders, and, with the Mayor's active help, the society has closed out over fifty of them. It has also diminished the juvenile arrests for 1878 by two thousand, as compared with 1877, and has done it all at an outlay of only one thousand dollars.

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to tell it just as it occurred. Never vary

JOHN PHŒNIX AND JEFF. DAVIS

A New York correspondent of the Indianapolis Journal gives the following interesting reminiscence of the late John Phenix — Lieutenant Derby, of the

Jeff. Davis, then Secretary of War, issued a general invitation to officers of the army who were skillful draughtsmen to send in suggestions for the new uni-form which it had been decided to adopt. One such invitation was sent to each One such invitation was sent to each officer. Lieutenant Derby was very skillful with his pen—a really ingenious artist. In reply he sent to the War Department a design for a new uniform—or rather a peculiar addition to the old uniform—the amendment consisting merely of a ring attached to the seat of the trowsers of each private soldier. the trowsers of each private soldier. Each officer was to carry, instead of a sword, a long pole, with a hook in the end like a shepherd's crook. The pole and the ring enabled officers to keep the privates from running away in battle. Fugitives could easily be caught by it and brought back. Stragglers could be kept in line. Moreover, the ring would be very useful in the cavalry service to fasten soldiers to the saddle to prevent them from falling off; and in the actil. them from falling off; and in the artillery service the rings were to be used for draught purposes in the absence of

by the most grotesque pictures, representing officers hauling back cowardly recruits by the serviceable ring, cavalry securely fastened to the top of their steeds by the same device, and artillerymen harnessed to cannon, drawing them through narrow defiles, or up an acclivity inaccessible to mules, by cables attached to the posterior staples.

On another sheet of bristol-board was

an illustration in gaudy colors of "Der-by's Rotary Mule Howitzer," accom-panied by the following description: "Upon the back of a young and vigilant mule, strap a mountain howitzer, the muzzle pointing towards the tail. A similar piece of ordnance is fastened with iron bands under the animal's abdomen, the muzzle aimed between his forelegs to the front. There are four gunners two to each piece and a four gunners two to each piece and a four gunners two to each piece and a four gunners, two to each piece, and a 'per-suader,' as he is called, whose business it is to persuade the mule to stand firm and not retreat, by stuffing him with oats, after each discharge, with a tin sausage-stuffer. When Indians, or other legitimate game, appear in view, the mule is, by a crank movement on the tail, limbered to the front. It don't make any difference which way the mule faces (and here is where my point comes in) one gun is always pointing towards the front. At the command "Fire!" with hay and reload." The accompany-ing, illustrations (in brown, blue, and gold, and still on file in the War Depart-

ment) represented the rotary mule in seven different attitudes, looking con-tented and happy all the time. This was felt to be outrageous audacity on the part of a subaltern. The clerks in the War Department laughed at the funny letter immoderately, but their superiors looked serious. Jefferson Davis, the head of the Department, was terribly indignant, and he resolved to defend his wounded dignity. Charges and specifications were drawn up against Lieutenant Derby, and the officers were actually named for the court-martial when Wm. L. Marcy, Secretary of State, a man of more sense and self-poise, said to the irate Secretary: "Now, see here, General Davis; don't do it. This Derby has doubtless a superfluous developmen of humor. But he is shrewd and ingenious, and really a fine draughtsman. He has valuable qualities. You can organize a court that will convict him, count of it all your life. Better file the suggestions of the crook-and-ring and the lively rotary mule, and say noth-

Congressional Deadheadism. [Washington Letter in Brooklyn Union-Argus.] "I cannot save any of any salary,"

said Senator Lamar to your correspondent to-day. "It is impossible. I never paid a cent beyond livery hire and a few little kindred items of election expenses in my life, and I have been in politics a long time. I could save a thousand dollars a year if I would do certain things, but I do not think my conscience would be satisfied if I did. For instance, I pay about three hundred dollars a year for newspapers. I like to read them. I have passes over railroads. I could travel all over the United States free. But I pay my fare. It costs me fift.

"See here, Mr. Indian, you have some reservations in Idaho that we whites think we'd better take; so you move on a little. What? You won't? Well, you'd better make up your mind to do it, while we go home and run some bullets, you bloodthirsty savages, you."—Oil City Derrick.

There, it's settled, and ain't you gun-barrels bright, untarnished. Such is the place. Mile after mile silence reigns; silence—and death.

Gentlemen's Sons.

Chicago has a citizens' league which is doing a promising work in saying it release over the united States free. But I pay my fare. It costs me fifty-seven the I come and go between here and home. I have telegraph passes. I never use them. I do not think it would be right. I can send anything I release over the United States free. would be right. I can send anything I please over the express lines, yet I pay my express bills. I spend my salary and never have any money. Some Senators use all these privileges of deadheading, and they say it is right. I think otherwise. But there is one thing that I think should be done, and I shall property it as seen as I get a change. propose it as soon as I get a chance. Every Senator should have a private secretary. He has more correspondence, committee work, etc., than he can do. And each Senator should be allowed a private secretary. The Senator gets five thousand dollars a year, and canfive thousand dollars a year, and cannot support his family in keeping with his position and employ a private secretary on that sum." The conscience of this Senator should be embalmed. If you were here and saw a car-load of deadheads, and the street-cars when Congress adjourns, you would be disgusted. They haul out cards and give their names each time to save five cents. their names each time to save five cents. I paid my fare one day, and the conductor told me it was the only fare he got, though the car was crowded, and I was standing on the rear platform. The car was full of Congressmen. This inci-dent is a fact that the people should

ments of hundreds, aye thousands, of happily-married men:

"That man true dignity will find, Who tries the matrimonial state;

Happening to meet the eyes The man or woman whom excessive caution holds back from striking the anvil with earnest endeavor, is poor and verse to us to print. His version reads thus:

The Caton Democrat

1 w. 2 w. 1 m. 3 m. 6 m. 6 m. 13 m.

This realm is secred to the past;
Within its drowny shades are tressure
of dust and dreams: the years are long
A stranger's footfall pressed the creak;

Here in the summer, at a broken pane, The yellow wasps come in, and bux and bu Among the rafters; wind and snow and rain All caton, as the seasons are fulfilled.

EVERY-DAY SPICERIES.

A TINY thing-A fork. THE best buy word-Cash. A BOCKY place-The nursery ALWAYS in fashion-The letter F.

No matter how much sense a man may possess, he can stand a little flat-tery.—N. Y. Express. THE Elk Point (D. T.) Courier says there is very little difference between a man who sees a ghost and one who swal-lows a bad oyster, so far as looks are

THE first institution vot our race was the Sabbath; the next marriage. So give your first thought to heaven, the next to your wife.

BE industrious. Improve each day as if you expected to die on the morrow. Indolence, debt and disease are brothers.

SEVERAL English Cricket Clubs will visit America next summer. We did not imagine that the plague was so near.—N. Y. Commercial. A MAN being sympathized with on ac-count of his wife's running away, said: "Don't pity me till she comes back

Nevez, perhaps, are children dearer to their parents than when, as at present, the price of bread and meat is excessive.—Punch.

ANGRY feelings in a teacher beget anger in a pupil, and if they are re-peated day after day they will at last rise to obstingey, to incorrigibleness. A MODERN writer thus defines he A MODEEN writer thus dennes nonor Standing a fire well, and shooting friend whom you love, in order to gain the praise of a few others whom you despise.

"WHAT," said an inquisitive young lady, "is the most popular color for bride?" We may be a little particular bride?" We may be a little particular to bride?"

white one .- Eln

"SALLY," said a fellow to a girl who had red hair, "keep away from me or you will set me afire." "No danger of that," was the answer, "you are green to burn."

"OH! isn't it just glorious?" was Princess Louise's exclamation on seeing Niagara. Lorne didn't say much, but kept thinking about the hack fare,— New Haven Register.

We have about decided to sail for WE have about decided to sail for Europe as soon as this issue of the paper goes to press. We can no longer hold back. Paris mothers coax distinguished Americans to kiss their pretty grown-up daughters.—Norristown Herald.

It affords us much pleasure to announce that Baba Kensing Bymanji

Jamasji Mounzen has been made a c panion of the Order of the Indian pire. Some of our readers may have thought Bab was dead.—Non istown Herald. BROKEN HEART is the romantic nam

of a railroad station in Minnesota.
Touching se the title is, however, all sentimental persons must acknowledge that Fried Liver, a mining village in Arizona, is still more tender.—Detroit Free Press. Two of the most precious things

this side of the grave, are reputation and life. And yet, strange to tell, the most contemptible whisper may deprive us of the first, and the weakest weapon of the second. Be more anxious, there-fore, to deserve a good name than to

THERE, it's settled, and ain't you glad? Two men disputing about the pronunciation of the word "either," one saying it was ee-ther, the other i-ther—agreed to refer the matter to the first person they met, who happened to be an Irishman, and who confounded

to be an Irishman, and who confounded both by declaring: "It's nayther, for it's ayther."—Kingston Freeman.

A CONTEMPORARY calls Knee-High Mish the shortest man of his day and generation. He evidently forgets Bildad, the Shoehight. But the "shortest" man of Biblical times was Lazarus. He didn't have a cent.—Norristown Herald. Smaller than any of these must have been Tohi, the King of Sal Philadelphia Bulletin.

A SCIENTIST claims that a cat has no

bury News.
ONE of the Paris papers publishes the following: "There are Gascons in America as everywhere else. One of America as everywhere eise. One of them recently said: 'In the State of Ohio the cold is so intense in the winter that this happened to me: I was attacked by a robber. I took out my pistol. There was powder in it, but no ball. I was inspired by a lucky idea. I spit in the barrel and fired. The spittle froze on its way, and the malefactor tle froze on its way, and the malefs

MEN who cultivate humor to the ex-MEN who cultivate humor to the ex-clusion of more solid and sober thought, are very frequently sad men. Grimaldi was the saddest man of his day; Charles Lamb had his melancholy hours; so had Thackeray. Heod jested on his death bed. "John Phenix" died from soft-ening of the brain. Mark Twain is eternally execrating his luck, and can not bear to be alone. Many other in-stances will occur to the reader. Look out, paragraphers!— New Yark Commer-

invitation because I felt and she was sure that Harry would make it all right. They stood facing her. "Cousin Prudence," have any thing she wants?" "Because her desires are dictated by youthful inexperience and vanity. Her nothing overloaded, nothing scant. She judgment is not yet matured; conseown way until she had to attend to this.

Her mother rushed to the other extreme, so that poor Belle was compelled what she wants. To be sure her judgthe dress prononce at all times, and often decidedly loud. I think it is just as much vanity to dress too plainly as too gayly. Either attracts undue attention and says, 'Behold me! I am of a different order from my fellow-beings.'

what she wants. To be sure her judgment people will rise and of the laws of hygiene. Some of these fine days, an outraged and indignant people will rise and destroy the being on their backs with their legs to much should not be expected of her. She will, perhaps, soon be so situated that she can not depend on you for every little piece of advice she wants,

Harry," lowering her voice a little-"if so why not allow her to exercise her I were to have occasion for a trousseau, do you think I for once might have my own way ?"

Assuredly, I think so." "Well, then, I believe I can get what want within six weeks."

"Why Lillie?" and Harry looked at her in amazement. "Who is it? Why didn't you tell me you were engaged? Or do you mean to set your cap for somebody, so as to be able to dress as you like?"

"Harry, you're a goose! Of course I'm not engaged? Nor would I be so wicked as to marry for dress. You know I'm never going to marry—or, if I do, it will be for nothing but love. But I'll tell you what we can do. Let us pretend that we are engaged. Then, of course, I must have an outfit. And then, when everything is finished, we can pretend we have broken the engagement Won't it be fun? Now, you know you promised to help me out of my trouble! Oh, never before did I re-

my trouble! Oh, never before did I re-alize how convenientitis to have a young Harry's look of wonder had died away, and he was now laughing as heart-

ily as Lillie.
"Ma," said Lillie that evening, as she hung over the back of her mother's chair, "if I were going to be married, what would you give me?"

"Elizabeth, such a young girl as thee should not talk of such a thing," re-

plied the old lady, glancing gravely through her spectacles at the precocious

"But, ma, I'm engaged."
"Surely not until thee has consulted thy parents, and awaited their consent."
Oh, I guess you'll both consent and give me a handsome outfit. It's Harry."
Not until this announcement was were spread out. Not until this announcement was made did the old lady evince any surprise. She gazed into Lillie's face for a moment as though to make sure she had moment as though to make sure she had see that table piled with embroidery.

Not until this announcement was were spread out.

"And they're really all for me!" she retains its original sharpness. As much as two dollars' worth of gold is sometimes taken from the double eagle in

say worthy of regret. And the instant happen in three or four years. Four he did so he was sorry, for the look of distress deepened, and she said:

"Oh, Harry, if I could only make you

"Oh, Harry, what shall I do? I will nderstand!"
have to go dowdy for three or four years
Seriously as ever he uttered anything
yet—just think!—and, in the meantime, I may see some one I could love; but he

"Pretty Poll," or "Pussy cat."

Lillie was an only child, and Harry was the youngest of a large family, all of whom, excepting himself, had mar-Again Lillie trembled.
"Oh, suppose they won't! Will we really have to? We must keep our

"I move that we go together to them

word, I suppose, but I can't confess," and she burst into tears.
"Don't cry, Lillie: I'll see if I can't coax them to give us a wedding right away. If they won't, why, we can elope. I'll take you up to Sister Sallie's, and she will keep you in secresy for awhile,

beau; and what would he do if I mar-ried? I guess I'll never fall in love, for I have never yet seen any body I liked It would break their hearts, and we would be mean, despicable cheats. I

> A week passed away, during which time Lillie drooped and Harry looked worried. Mr. and Mrs. Jones began to be alarmed. We want the wedding just as soon as possible," said Harry, almost feeling the desperation he was trying to show. "Lillie'll die, and I'll go to California before many weeks, at this rate; so I

think you'd better give in." And, finally, the perplexed old couple concluded that they would.

The way in which Lillie brightened up was wonderful to see; but her first word of jey was not to or of her be-trothed, nor was it an expression of relief to her feelings.

"Now, ma, let's talk about the trous "The what?" "The wedding outfit - the clothes."

Alas, poor Lillie! "Why, Elizabeth, I wasn't aware that thee needed any. Thee has a good stock at present, and thee can marry

Harry in thy gray silk."

That hateful gray silk—the ugliest dress she ever had, she thought, besides being as plain as one of her mother's gowns, it was so uncomfortable in fit that she felt that she had double cause The poor child threw herself on the

sofa in a perfect passion of tears, ex-"Well, if I can't have what I want, I won't be married at all!"
"Elizabeth, such violence is unse If thee loves Harry, why should thee care for thy appearance? And I am satisfied that there is real love between thee, for thee was very anxious to have

the wedding as early as possible.' Just then Harry was heard coming in at the front door, and Lillie sprang up and ran to meet him. Noticing her tears, he instantly prepared himself to hear a new trouble. Even amid her sorrow, Lillie could

not help observing the new tone in his voice, and the doubly tender way in which he drew her to him, as he asked the reason of her grief. 'Ma says she can't see any reason

were as pretty as you, and had such a knack of making people think so, and wore flowers with the grace you do, I don't think I'd care much."

why I need any new clothes. She says I can be married in my gray silk dress!"—this last as contemptuously as any thing can be said. "Oh, Harry, is there no escape from these worrier?" And, as he clasped her closer, she felt that there was. What it was she didn't know, but a sense of rest came over her

> Into the parlor they passed, where Mrs. Jones still sat with her knitting. 'may I ask why Lillie can so seldom

quently it is her duty to obey.'

own judgment for once while she is still under your eye? Remember, I am not a Friend, and in marrying me she ceases to be under discipline; so some regard ought to be paid to my wishes, which are that Lillie should dress as girls of her age usually do. She can not desire to appear as you did at your wedding, for you were forty when you were married."

"I did not know, Harry," replied the old lady, in a somewhat modified tone, that thee desired to have thy wife look like a worldly person.' "I do desire to have her happy,"

warmly replied.

That was all. The next day—for the first time in her life—she went out to first time in her life—she went out to do some shopping for herself.

Dressmakers were called in, Lillie directed and helped them, and she really had becoming, tasteful dresses made for her. Congratulations and presents came pouring in, and she felt that she was living in fairyland.

No one noticed that Harry said little, and stalked around with a moody air, while Lillie seemed perfectly happy, and

sitting-room, where her pretty things course a uniform quantity is removed pull it into something like a smooth shape. And all this while the silence continued, until at last becoming impaction at the delay, feeling that Lillie wished to say something very ernestly, he broke the silence by asking:

"Well, Lillie, what troubles you?"

"Well, Lillie, what troubles you?"

"You'll laugh," she answered, in a "No nonsense at all, ma. I'm engaged to Harry."

And she persisted until the parents were satisfied that it was true. Harry were satisfied that it was true and bonnet. Of course the revenue that table piled with embroidery. And look at this beautiful hat! Are not the double eagle in this way. A less scientific plan is one to commonly adopted by conscienceless jewelers. Who, when they want a little way to country. And look at this beautiful hat! Are not the roses perfect? And I have four exquisite silk dresses—black, navy blue, bronze and seal-brown. This was to be the wouldn't teil the dress. I wouldn't teil the dr suit and bonnet. Of cou se the revelation we must make would have destroyed the usefulness of the convenstroyed the usefulness of the conventional bride's dress, but not of this. And my hats and neckties and gloves!
Oh, Harry, how shall I ever thank you enough? And, now, don't you think it is high time to speak? The final preparations are to begin to-morrow, and are to begin to-morrow, and solder and the edge is remilled. In this solder and the edge is remilled. In this there's no use in ma's having any more trouble. Besides, there's time enough for us to write notes to our friends stating that we have changed our minds; for, however romantic it may sound for me to stay in the room, while pa says, 'Friends, we will have no wedding today,' it would be carrying the joke too day,' it would be carrying the joke too far. Shall I go to ma now Harry?"

> had said so." "Lillie, listen a few minutes.

"And do you know that you gained all these things by deception-false pretenses?" "Oh, Harry!" and as a consciousness of her guilt came to her, she trembled like a leaf.

"And what can you give as a reason why six weeks ago you loved me so that you couldn't have the wedding postponed any longer than positively necessary and now don't want me at all?" She couldn't think of anything to say, "And how will you explain your happiness's lasting up till to-day? And how will you enjoy your fine clothes ob-tained by underhand means? And will they be replaced by others of the same style, or will your mother think the old kind more sensible? And how many

outsiders for this wedding's being broken off so suddenly? Lillie, do you realize where you stand?"
Yes, she did. Her head slipped down on his shoulder, and, bursting into

thousand reasons will be invented by

tears, she asked: "What can I do?" "Nothing, but let the wedding go on. Lillie, at first I thought of this matter as you did-a good joke and a pious fraud. But, as time went on, and I saw how unhapppy you were, your troubles made a deeper impression on me than your merry moods ever had. I knew then that your life had not been a pleasant one, and a great longing came into my heart to take you away and make you happy. When I saw how difficult it was for you to gain your points, I thought how hard it would be, after this short, joyful interval, for you to go back into the old life again, and I made up my mind to prevent it if I could. And then the thought that, seriously or not, you were preparing to be my bride, made me think of you as such. It was not until later that I fully realized the

wrong-doing of the proceeding, but even then I could not speak the word to dispel the illusion that you really were to be mine. I love you, Lillie. Shall the wedding take place?" Suddenly she remembered that the happiness which had been hers for the last few weeks was not caused by the new dresses, for it had come to her on that day when Harry had taken her to his heart, as he told her that he would help her out of her difficulty. She had loved Harry for years, but not as she did now. And almost overwhelmed with wonder at the change, she felt her And almost overwhelmed woman's heart leap out to him, as she

softly said:

Yes, it shall."

selves ever knew until three days before the wedding, it had been to the principal parties an uncertain event and a INSECTS furnish many remarkable examples of analogy between their actions and those devised by intelligent industry. The water gnat, for instance, to keep her eggs afloat in an upright position, so that the tops may be exposed to the air and sun, glues them together side by side, in the form of a boat, which cannot be sunk. Its larva be-comes a pupa or chrysalis, from which bursts the gnat, and, until it can fly, it

And it did. But noone besides them-

pair of legs exactly as with a pair of THE health scientists in Boston have interdicted kisses on the mouth as an infraction of the laws of hygiene. Some

makes use of the old pupa skin as a boat.

The notonecta, or water-boatman, turn-

ing on its back. converts its own body

into a boat and rows with its long hind

COUNTERFEIT COIN.

Any decrease in weight below the latter figures subjects the holder to a loss equivalent to the difference. This

gold coinage is "splitting." The operator uses a fine saw to split the coin nearly in way gold to the value of fifteen dollars and fifty cents has been taken from a "Lillie," said he, in a strange, hoarse voice. "we kave carried it too far."

"Oh, no, no! Indeed, I didn't mean to! I would have a factor of the factor of are neatly finished; but the light weight reveals the theft. From five to seven delications additional risks. Senators thus been taken from one coin, and the pieces of course have every appearance of being genuine. Real counterfeitsthe early days of your engagement happy?"

"Oh, wretched!" she cried.

of being genume. Hear continues that is, coin wholly spurious, because made of base metel—are almost invariably below weight. An exception to this, however, exists in a five-dollar piece which is of the exact standard weight of one hundred and twenty

> detected by the gauge. Still, it one of the most dangerous counterfeits in exstence.
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> A silver piece passes current so long is the imprint is not badly defaced or perts describe as similar to odors produced as the imprint is not badly defaced or greatly reduced. A hole through the coin, however, condemnsit. The low value of silver prevents any such proceedings as in the case of gold, as the amount which could safely be abstracted would not pay for the trouble of doing it. Concasts from it, or he stamps his imitation in dies. As this last process is the same as in use in the mints, the counterfeits thus produced are more difficult to deished, the compression which the alloy receives brings it nearer to standard weight A large number of counterfeit silver coins are made chiefly of type silver coins are made chiefly of type metal. A very dangerous half dollar is composed of slver, copper and zinc, and is worth about seventeen cents. It is from seven to ten grains too light. Spurious half dollars have appeared pound similar to German silver, and are fact. Counterfeits of the quarter dollar, though very plenty, are less dangerous than those of larger pieces. They are composed of antimony, tin and lead, and are both too light and thick, although they have a good ring. A peculiar composition has been employed, to

which powdered glass is added to give a clear sound; but this is but a clumsy expedient, as the coin is far below proper weight, a fact easily appreciable by mere handling. It is a difficult matter to lay down any general rules for detecting counterfeit coins, as it will be seen from the forethat the closest ocular inspection may be wholly at fault. In general the milling on the edge of the counterfeit coin is always poorly executed as compared with the genuine; but wear of the latter often renders the distinction difficult to draw. Another point worth remembering is that ab-cence of clear tone in a coin is not necessarily proof of its falsity, because it may and does happen that a crack or flaw is made in the metal during the rolling, and that, just as in a bell, will of course destroy the

Bridgeport got into one big sleigh for a grand ride, and if novelty is compatible with grandeur they had it. Half way up a long hill covered with ice the sleigh being heavily loaded began to slide back. The horses assisted by the profanity of the driver, made the most agonizing efforts to resist the reaction, but the momentum grew so great that they were the people shot to the foot of the hill with terrible velocity. The horses a soft glamour over all .- Danbury News.

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